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SUBJECT: PROTECTION HANDBOOK

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POST'S COMMENTS ON HANDBOOK.

AT PRESENT TIME WE PLAN OVER NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS TO ISSUE  
SIMILAR PUBLICATION ON DEATH AND ESTATES AND ON FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE.

2. EMBASSY'S REQUEST EXEMPTION GENERAL RULE THAT PRISONERS  
BE AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH IS GRANTED FOR  
PRISONERS LOCATED OUTSIDE CENTRAL DISTRICT ON UNDERSTANDING  
THAT IF WARRANTED EITHER BY CIRCUMSTANCES INDIVIDUAL CASE OR  
OVERALL CHANGES IN GENERAL CONDITIONS POST WILL  
INCREASE FREQUENCY. POST, HOWEVER, MAY NOT RPT NOT DECREASE  
FREQUENCY TO LESS THAN ONCE EVERY OTHER MONTH.

3. POST MAY REPORT RESULTS EACH VISIT EITHER BY OM OR  
TELEGRAM, WHICHEVER POST PREFERENCES. REPORT MAY CONSOLIDATE  
ALL NATIONALS SPECIFYING EACH BY NAME AND GIVING BRIEF  
SUMMARY AS FOLLOWS:

A. DOE, JOHN, IN GOOD HEALTH HAD NO COMPLAINTS OR  
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REQUESTS;

B. SMITH, MARY, APPRECIATES BOOK RECEIVED FROM CONOFF ON LAST VISIT. ALTHOUGH OTHERWISE IN GOOD

HEALTH SHE DID REQUEST CONOFF ARRANGE FOR PHYSICIAN HAVE A LOOK AT BOTHERSOME HANGNAIL. SPOKE TO WARDEN WHO WILL HAVE PRISON DOCTOR EXAMINE. CONOFF WILL FOLLOW-UP ON NEXT VISIT.

4. THE DEPARTMENT GAVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO A NUMBER OF FACTORS BEFORE LEVYING THE BURDEN OF REPORTING THE RESULTS OF EACH PRISON VISIT ON THE FIELD. AFTER DUE DELIBERATION IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SUCH REPORTING IS WARRANTED IN ALL CASES. POST, WHETHER REPORTING VISITS TO THE DEPARTMENT OR NOT MUST MAKE ACCURATE AND DETAILED REPORTS ON EACH VISIT FOR INCLUSION IN FILE EACH INDIVIDUAL DETAINEE. THUS THERE IS LITTLE OR NO EXTRA EFFORT IN PROVIDING A SUMMARY OR DETAILED REPORT ON EACH CASE AS WARRANTED FOR THE DEPARTMENT. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE REPORTS RECEIVED WILL ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT, IN ITS RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES ON AN INDIVIDUAL CASE OR ON GENERAL CONDITIONS WITHIN A GIVEN COUNTRY OR CONSULAR DISTRICT, TO DEMONSTRATE IMMEDIATELY TO THE INQUIRER THE SERIOUS ATTENTION WE AND THE POSTS ARE TAKING IN DISCHARGING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS AMCITS INCARCERATED ABROAD. IT CREATES A DISTINCTLY POSTIVE IMPRESSION IF THE DEPARTMENT CAN RESPOND, EVEN IN AN INTERIM REPLY TO AN INQUIRY ON A CASE, WITH A STATEMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT JOHN DOE WAS LAST SEEN BY A CONSULAR OFFICER A WEEK AND A HALF AGO AND AT THAT TIME WAS IN GOOD HEALTH, REASONABLE SPIRITS AND HAD NO COMPLAINTS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE WHERE THE AMCIT PRISONER INDICATED A PROBLEM AND WE CAN SHOW THAT NOT ONLY IS POST AND DEPARTMENT AWARE OF IT BUT THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE POST LONG BEFORE AN INQUIRY HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM A CONGRESSIONAL OR FAMILY SOURCE.

5. PERHAPS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE ABILITY TO CREATE A POSITIVE IMAGE TO OUTSIDE INQUIRERS IS THE PICTURE THAT PRISON VISIT REPORTS GIVE OF CONDITIONS ETC., TO ALL THOSE IN THE DEPARTMENT WORKING ON PROTECTION MATTERS WHO OTHERWISE MAY HAVE NO REAL FEELING FOR EVENTS AND PROBLEMS UNCLASSIFIED

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IN A SPECIFIC COUNTRY OR DISTRICT. THUS, OUR DECISION TO REQUIRE SUCH REPORTS ON EACH VISIT. ROBINSON

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